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Title : METHOD FOR SAFELY COUPLING AN EXTERNAL  
VOLTAGE NETWORK TO A SERVICE VOLTAGE  
NETWORK AND CIRCUIT CONFIGURATION FOR  
CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

Group/Art Unit :

Examiner :

Docket No. : KSN0030

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 USC §371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-12 of the application with claims 1-12 as follows:

1. A method for safely coupling an external voltage network to an operating voltage network, in particular of a motor vehicle, in which at least one controllable switch is arranged between the operating voltage network and a connecting terminal, the at least one controllable switch is connected to a control unit, the connecting terminal is designed for connection of the external voltage network and the method comprises the following steps:

- measuring the voltage at the connecting terminal,